THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b):—

Year	Passport applications received (including Po, Patna)	Passport applications rejected (including Po, Patna)	Passports issued (including Po, Patna)
1984	14,42,748	91	14,15,634
	*(19,952)	*(Nil)	*(19,592)
1985	12,32,447	23	10,84,923
	*(15,962)	*(2)	*(10,384)
1986 (upto 1986 October)	10,14,718	26	10,42,691
	*(10,253)	*(Nil)	*(13,979)

*These figures pertain to PO, Patna.

Arrears of fresh applications as on 1-11-1986 were 1,87,523.

(c) 6 weeks where passport applications are complete and clear police reports have been received.

Establishment of Spinning Mills in Maharashtra

1997. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 spinning mills were to be established in Maharashtra during the Sixth Five Year Plan period with institutional finance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 11 spinning mills started construction work and spent huge amount on construction of civil work, purchase of machinery, etc. and collected about 5 crores from the members of the co-operative societies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that I.D.B.D., I.F.C.I. etc. are not granting loans to the cooperative spinning mills as they feel there is no necessity of establishing new spinning mills in the country at present; and

(d) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take so that infrastructure created with farmers' money and State Government finance is not wasted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information, 11 spinning mills took steps for civil construction, purchase of machinery etc. As reported by the Maharashtra Cooperative Spinning Mills Federation, some share capital has been collected from the members of the 11 units.

(c) The financial institutions feel that adequate spinning capacity already exists in the country.

(d) Government of Maharashtra had indicated during April, 1986 availability of financial assistance from National Cooperative Development Corporation for 6 mills and tie up under export oriented programme for 3 mills. The projects for the remaining 11 mills were under implementation by the State Government.

Export of raw cotton

1998. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maha-